

## EECBG Frequently Asked Questions

### **Ineligible, eligible, entitlement, non-entitlement; which one am I?**

“Eligible” units of local government are municipalities and counties that were selected to receive direct funding from DOE. These are also referred to as entitlements.

“Ineligible” units of local governments are all cities, towns, and counties that will not receive direct funding from DOE. These are also called non-entitlements. All non-entitlements can apply for funds through EECBG solicitations issued by the state.

### **Do I need to register with FedConnect and (CCR) in order to apply?**

Entitlements: Yes. Fedconnect registration is required in order to apply. A Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>) and Central Contractor Registration (CCR) (<http://www.bpn.gov/ccr/>) are required to register with FedConnect.

Non-Entitlements: It is not required to register with FedConnect ([www.fedconnect.net](http://www.fedconnect.net)) in order to apply for EECBG funds from ADECA. However, open-competitive solicitations will be issued at a later date and will require it. Click here for FedConnect Instructions:

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C4/ARRA/Document%20Library/FedConnect%20Instructions.pdf>

### **After we’ve registered with CCR what number should we use for the CCR number?**

The number you should provide is your CAGE Code number issued through Central Contractor Registration.

### **Do all subgrantees have to provide assurances under the Davis-Bacon wage requirements?**

Yes. All funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) fall under the “Wage Rate Requirements” provision noted in Title XVI, Sec. 1606 of ARRA. A template has been provided with EECBG solicitations issued by the state.

### **How do we estimate the number of jobs that will be created/retained?**

The proposed number of jobs should be estimated per \$92,000 of funding spent. Actual jobs created and retained will be reported quarterly to the Energy Division. The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) has also provided a jobs calculator which can be used to estimate the employment impacts of ARRA related energy efficiency projects.

<http://www.aceee.org/energy/national/recovery.htm>

**Does the “Buy American” provision apply to these funds?**

Yes. All funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) fall under the “Buy American” provision noted in Title XVI, Sec. 1605 of ARRA.

**We submitted a pre-application, but now we’ve received a Request for Applications. Are we required to submit another application to be considered for funding?**

Yes. The pre-applications were not a funding application. Those were used to develop specific program areas too be used in the two Requests for Applications (RFAs) that have been issued. You will need to submit the EECBG Application Worksheet along with all other forms specified in the RFA.

**Are revolving loan funds allowed?**

Yes. Revolving loan funds are allowed.

**How much can each ineligible unit of local government receive through the program?**

Each ineligible unit of local government can receive up to \$250,000. However, multi-entity projects are encouraged and the maximum award would be the sum of limits for each entity. For example, if two cities and a county partnered for a multi-entity project, the maximum award would be \$750,000. Please note that only one entity will apply as the lead applicant on behalf of the multi-entity project. However, demonstrated commitment from the other participating local governments must be included.

**If we are located within the jurisdiction of a county that will receive direct funding, are we still eligible to apply?**

Yes. As long as you are not a municipality that will receive direct funding from DOE.

**Do we submit separate applications for two or more activities or just additional worksheets under the same application, what about budget forms?**

Submissions for two or more topic areas should be submitted as multiple worksheets under one application.

**I saw nothing requiring a public hearing or resolution, correct?**

That is correct.

**If we choose to deliver the original and two applications do we still need to file an electronic application?**

No, you do not need to file an electronic application. However, the application should be completed on the computer before printing. This is important to maintain the integrity of the data fields (drop-down selections).